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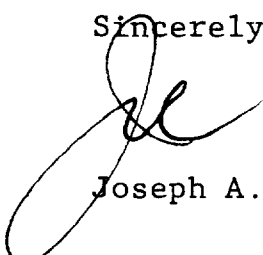
Dear Don:

I doubt that the National Institutes of Health has had a Director as articulate, sensitive, intellectually brilliant and bureaucratically adept as you have been. Often over the past thirty months I congratulated myself on having the good sense to keep you as the Director.

I believe the Institutes have achieved new levels of excellence under your leadership (to say nothing of increased resources in a time of budgetary stringency). So long as you are the Director, I am confident the Institutes will continue to flourish in achievement -- and get their fair share of whatever the HEW budget is.

My thanks and much affection.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Califano, Jr.